



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of Region 6 Labor and Travel Funding Projections for Implementation of the Tronox Settlement for FY2017

FROM: Chip Poalinelli, Tronox NAUM Coordinator, Region 9  
Kevin Shade, Tronox NAUM Coordinator, Region 6

TO: Clancy Tenley, Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9

THRU: *Chris Villanueva for*  
Ben Banipal, Branch Chief, Technical and Enforcement Branch, Region 6

SSID Nos.: A6FK, A6KZ, A6FP, and A0982

I. Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to request and document approval to spend \$697,050 of the Tronox (*In re: Tronox Incorporated, et al*, Case No. 09-10156 (Bankruptcy, S.D.N.Y)) for to support labor and travel on the Tronox Navajo Area Uranium Mines projects in USEPA Region 6.

II. Background

The Tronox Navajo Area Uranium Mines (Tronox NAUM) are located primarily in the Grants Mining District in New Mexico and in the Northern and Eastern Regions of the Navajo Nation. Based on the June 2016 Tronox Joint Agency Meeting, the group supported the U.S. EPA Region 6 projects. As a result, U.S. EPA Region 6 will require \$697,050 in FY2017 salary and travel outlined in attachment # 1.

III. Salary and Travel Funding for FY2017

The projected salary and travel funding for USEPA Region 6 (attachment #1) is based on information currently available and the best estimates of the project team.

#### **IV. Anticipated Costs and Accounting**

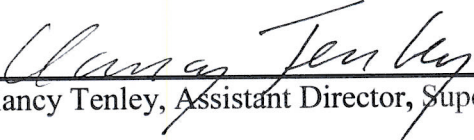
Future costs presented in this "Annual Funding Planning Memo" are estimates. Region 9 and Region 6 will be examining quarterly summaries of expenditures in order to further refine these estimates and determine whether supplemental funding will be needed for their efforts in FY2017. If additional funding is needed, the Tronox Coordinators will present a request for approval of supplemental funding, along with a justification and cost estimate.

#### **V. Approval for FY2017 Funding**

The U.S. EPA Tronox NAUM Coordinators recommend the proposed FY2017 salary and travel estimated funding of \$697,050 for the Tronox NAUM Special Account as presented in attachment #1 of this memo.

Please indicate your approval or disapproval on the signature lines provided below. We look forward to responding to any questions or concerns.

#### **APPROVED:**

  
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Clancy Tenley, Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9  
12/15/16  
Date

#### **NOT APPROVED:**

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Clancy Tenley, Assistant Director, Superfund Division, Region 9  
Date

## Attachment #1

Salary			
			FTE
	303DD6	281250	2.5
	501EC7	56250	0.5
	303DD2	168750	1.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$506,250</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Travel - General			
	303DD2 A6KZ	\$24,000	\$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 4 People
	501EC7 A6KZ	\$18,000	\$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 3 People
	303DD2 A6KZ	\$12,000	\$1,500\Year x 4 Trips\Year x 2 People
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,000</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM East (A6FK)			
		\$36,000	\$6,000\month x 5 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM Central (A6NS)			
		\$64,800	\$6,000\month x 9 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,800</b>	
Travel – Tronox NAUM West (A6FP)			
		\$36,000	\$6,000\month x 5 months) x 20% equipment, etc
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>	
Total Projected Salary and Travel: 697050			